



A remarkable show of artwork and crafts

FDEC displays the work of the past year at the Tao Toys building

Fundacion Desaroyo Educative Comunitario is an organization that provides weekly art, music, and craft classes to the public at affordable rates, allowing many to discover their inner artist and offering an outlet for self-discovery and expression. On Monday, June 25, they officially opened a one-week exposition of the students' work from the past year, and it was a display that proved Aruba has a number of artists with remarkable promise, only in need of encouragement and development.

Director of FDEC, Elvira Maduro explained that the classes are given throughout the week, rotating from one night to the next between schools in six districts of Aruba. Fifteen instructors take over the school for the evening, and enrollment costs 25 Arubian florins (\$14) monthly, which includes all materials. The first year, instructors focus on teaching the technical skills of painting and handicrafts, and then students are encouraged to express freely their creativity and imagination.

The results produced an exciting show that will be open every day through Saturday, June 30, from 10:30 AM until 7:00 PM. The diversity of crafts and artistic mediums, and the age range of the artists provides a mixture of wonderful variety featuring airbrushing, needlepoint, appliqué work, watercolors and oil paintings and themes varying from flowers and butterflies to spiritual and social commentary. Some works by young artists particularly stand out for their wonderful sense of composition, color, and remarkable maturity of technique, such as the blossoms of sixteen-year-old Britney Hagadoorn, and the cactus of twelve-year-old Indrah Luydens.

The FDEC exposition is located in the tiny annex of the Tao Toys building, which is across the street from the Wendy's in Oranjestad. It is only on display for one week, and well worth a visit for those that love art and handicrafts.